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Church Notices

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p.m. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Strangers are cordially welcome.

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TIME TABLE

Pacific Electric Railway

Lv. Los Angeles	Lv. Sierra Madre
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TENT HOUSE FIRE

A conflagration was narrowly averted by prompt work, last Saturday night. During the high wind, the tent house in the rear of the Rice House on Baldwin Ave. caught fire, and was very quickly consumed. It happened so quickly that no general alarm was given, and the work of fighting the fire was done by those near at hand attracted by the blaze.

The rear of the residence took fire but energetic work saved the building. Had the flames got a fair start on the house, with the north wind to fan them nothing could have saved it. Combating the flames was very difficult owing to lack of water.

Mr. Jerome Rice lost his entire personal effects. It is supposed that the fire started from a lamp left burning in the tent house, while Mr. Rice went in to supper. The wind apparently was at the bottom of it.

While coming from Russell's store where he had gone to get pails to aid in the work, Van Graham fell in a ditch in the darkness and suffered a painfully sprained ankle.

CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned desire by this means to attempt to feebly express their heartfelt gratitude, to the kind friends and neighbors and in some instances perfect strangers who so nobly saved their home from destruction by fire Saturday night, October 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rice.

TIME TABLE

Santa Fe Route

Santa Anita Station

Arrive from Los Angeles and leave for points East	
8:09 a.m.	Overland
9:10 a.m.	Local
5:11 p.m.	Local
8:45 p.m.	Overland
Arrive from Eastern points and leave for Los Angeles	
7:34 a.m.	Overland
9:21 a.m.	Local
4:58 p.m.	Local

THE MAIL

Arrives	10 a.m.
	6 p.m.
Leaves	8:45 a.m.
	4:35 p.m.

SCHOOL MEETING

The hour for the School Meeting is seven o'clock, preceding the Town Meeting. The question to be decided is: will we give to the county, a part of the school ground, 15 feet wide along one side from Grandview to Highland Ave., for street purposes. Every one interested should be at that meeting and let his voice be heard.

TOWN MEETING

The meeting of our citizens called for by the Improvement Association comes this Saturday eve. It is exceedingly important that every voter attend. The question of incorporation, which is with us the burning question of the hour, is to come up. Other matters pertaining to the welfare of our town will also receive attention. What we need just now is an awakening of civic pride, together with hearty cooperation for the general good. Selfishness is suicidal. Those who labor for the interests of others further their own.

Our School Building

Our new school is going to be a handsome building, a credit to Sierra Madre. It is 167 1/2 feet long, and 66 1/2 feet wide in the clear and will be built in patio style. A court yard facing south, will be occupied by a fountain and the children's gardens. We hope to publish soon a cut of the new building as it will appear when completed.

JOTTINGS HERE AND THERE

This afternoon the Modern Priscillas will meet with Miss Bixby on Central Avenue. Last week Thursday, Miss Bowers entertained the club.

C. W. Jones, the contractor has just moved into his new residence on Allegra St. corner of Baldwin Ave. The cement work involving a large expenditure has been completed.

Our streets must be improved and maintained, Incorporate, and it will be done.

Extra copies of the News may be had by telephoning to our office. Sunset Main 9628.

School district meeting on Saturday night at seven o'clock at the Town Hall. Town Meeting at eight o'clock. Be Sure And Be There.

"Small Beginnings" will be the subject of next Sunday evenings sermon by Pastor Campbell at the Congregational Church.

Mrs. McCreder and son Donald, and Mr. Post of Pasadena, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Thompson on Sunday.

Show the News to your neighbor, and tell him what he is missing if he is not a subscriber.

Mr. C. Kersting, and wife and little Terry, returned from a weeks stay at Ocean Park.

Miss Ethel Bowers has taken up her duties as assistant postmistress.

During the wind storm Saturday night, a tree was blown across the car tracks on Central Avenue. The motorman and conductor of the 6:15 car had to turn wood choppers before they could get out of town.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church will give a Sociable in the Church Annex, on Friday evening beginning at half past seven o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared. All are cordially invited.

Incorporate, we must if Sierra Madre is to continue to grow.

The Ancient Priscillas met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Vanner on Ramona Ave. The Club will again do the work of helping in supplying the College Settlement in Los Angeles with clothing and other necessities.

The meeting next week will be at the home of Mrs. W. S. Andrews.

Miss Jessie McPhail is visiting with friends at Long Beach.

Sierra Madre Development Association

Good citizens do not ask: Shall I take a bath? Shall I shave? Shall I have my hair trimmed?

No! They go to work and do all these things or have them done for them.

Nor should good, live, citizens say: Shall I clean up in front of my property? Shall I trim my shade trees? Shall I ask the committee of the Development Association to do something to adjoining lots belonging to absentees.

No! They should get to work and show that they have some pride in the appearance of their property as well as of their persons.

Get Busy and Clean Up

JOTTINGS HERE AND THERE

Miss Marion Decker is the guest of S. R. Norris and family.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church will give a social in the church annex tomorrow evening. All are invited, and the men as well as the ladies will be welcome.

The hour for meeting of the Congregational Sunday School has been changed from 10 o'clock to 9:30. This change has been made to give more time for effective work in the school.

Mrs. M. A. Lockart is visiting friends in San Diego.

Mrs. Josephine White Swaine formerly of Sierra Madre, has arrived in Los Angeles, from North Dakota.

Mrs. Lyons and Miss Marvin of Auburn St. gave a house party last week and a luncheon on Friday to friends from out of town. The guests were Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Richardson from Hollywood; Mrs. C. C. Rutherford, Mrs. E. Walker and Mrs. Chas. Cooper from Los Angeles; Mrs. A. Wheelock of Balboa; and Mrs. Mathers of Sierra Madre.

M. Olsen has 100 pairs of the famous Julia Marlow shoes, in thirty different styles which he will sell for \$2.50 as long as they last. These shoes cannot be bought for less than \$3.50 in the city. Be quick, they won't last long.

C. W. Jones has finished the cement work on the property of W. A. Bowen on Allegra St.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new residence of F. H. Buhles. The frame is all up and will soon be enclosed.

Rev. A. A. Rice has sold to Emma H. Underhill of Los Angeles, through S. R. G. Twycross 2 choice lots on Bonita Ave.

Mr. N. W. Tarr, of the firm of Tarr & McComb of Los Angeles has rented the Sinsabaugh house on the corner of Baldwin and Laura Ave.

We are glad to see the face of Convers Twycross again. He is glad to get back to Sierra Madre, and away from the desert and a diet of poor canned goods and worse water. He looks somewhat fleshier than when he left us and perhaps some of his old friends will have to look twice before they know him.

Ben Craven has sold through the Sierra Madre Realty Co., a lot 50 x 175 feet on Grand St. near Sierra Madre Ave., to Kate Noonan for a consideration of \$600

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Andrews have been visiting friends in Long Beach.

Mrs. and Miss Whitlock, and J. M. Neeland, of the Pan American Ry., and wife, were guests at the Hotel Sierra Madre on Sunday.

G. Farnall Aspinall the well known voice teacher will be in Sierra Madre each week. Those desiring the best of instruction in the art of singing will please communicate with him at his residence, 280 Arcadia St. Pasadena.

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Louis C. Hill, Chief Engineer of the work on the Government Dam work in Arizona was the guest of Mrs. E. C. Collins at the Hotel Sierra Madre this week.

D. A. Munger, Freight Traffic Manager of the Pacific Electric was in town Tuesday, looking over the shipping situation. A freight station for Sierra Madre is under consideration.

W. A. Evans and family arrived this week from Indianapolis, Ind. to make their home here. They have rented two of Mrs. Wellington's tent houses.

S. R. G. Twycross has sold for J. R. Bransby, a lot in the Pierce Edgemont Tract to Eastern parties.

This year has been remarkable for water supply. In spite of large amount of water used in irrigation, it has not been necessary to start the pumps at the Water Company's wells. The Santa Anita tunnel has more than supplied all needs, and the indications are that the pumps will not be needed at all this year.

Something happened to the Edison Co. wires on Sunday night depriving Sierra Madre of light. Lamps were again brought into service in the Episcopal church.

Last Saturday afternoon while playing on the porch, the little daughter of E. C. Sisson, fell and broke her arm. Dr. Mackerras set the broken bone and it will soon be as good as ever.

For a good shoe, for less money go to M. Olsen. Prices are lower than in the city.

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Thursday, October 25, 1906.

EDITORIAL

Get your pen ready to sign the petition for incorporation on Saturday night! Every citizen should make it his business to be on hand at that meeting and to make the petition a unanimous expression of our desire for a municipal government of our own. We have passed the point of a village in our growth, and as a town fast rising in importance we must put ourselves in a position to meet the needs that now confront us and which must arise in the future. Wherever people gather together in any number, there must be some sort of cooperation for the public good. We cannot advance as we should until we begin to do things as a community, and do them in a systematic manner. And the only way that we can bring this concerted action about is to incorporate, and stand up on our own feet. People are coming into Sierra Madre rapidly, and the increasing population demands development and activity as a community. The active, growing towns in our part of the state are the incorporated ones. Take a map and look for yourself. See Hollywood, Monrovia, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Whittier, Lordsburg and numerous beach resorts that are growing with leaps and bounds. Has incorporation hurt or improved them? They tell their own story of betterment and growth since they have learned to walk by themselves.

For the sake of those who are still unsettled as to their stand on the question of incorporation, we will go into the question a bit further. If there is one thing more than another in which we need improvement and concerted action in that improvement, it is in the matter of our streets. As it now is, every block, and often the frontage of every lot, has its own way of being kept in order, and improvement, and those ways are divers and varied. In many cases curbs and gutters are lacking where much needed, and often where these are in, the curb line is in dispute. We need a street superintendent, and that badly. As we grow, streets must be constructed, repaired and sprinkled. They must be drained, curbs, culverts and gutters maintained. The convenience of the public demands that there shall be side walks for pedestrians, and we should feel a pride in having the streets beautified by

the presence of trees, shrubs and flowers. The city beautiful is the coming city. It is the beautiful city that attracts strangers and shows the most rapid growth. And it seems a pity that a place so highly favored as Sierra Madre in point of natural beauty should be allowed to suffer for want of care in keeping that beauty from being marred by unsightly streets and bad sidewalks covered by weeds.

We have passed the period of dependence upon the county for our public highways. While the county has the power to maintain such it really confines its operations to the maintenance of a mere passageway for teams. A strip twenty or thirty feet wide is all that is deemed necessary for that purpose, and if a locality becomes thickly populated, requiring a wider highway fitted to accommodate a heavy traffic, and finding sidewalks essential and some ornamentation desirable, it must look to some form of co-operative effort on the part of the community. The county machinery becomes unable to handle the increased expense and the burden falls on the people. For a time this may be met by private subscriptions, but the expense falls on a few who always contribute cheerfully and liberally, while others who receive the benefit of the improvements bear none of the burden. Manifestly this inequality in bearing the responsibilities arising from community life is unjust to all and municipal regulation of public improvements is the only remedy.

Moreover, as a community, we must look after the public safety. One of our first needs is concerted action in the matter of protection against fire. We must begin to realize that Sierra Madre is fast becoming a thickly settled community, and fire, once started and beyond control will not stop with the destruction of a single residence. We must have protection against fire, and this the country cannot give. Until we get this insurance rates will be high in proportion to the high risk. Regulations must soon be made to provide against the erection of firetrap buildings in dangerous locations, and to prevent the accumulation of papers, old boxes and rubbish in alleys and places where a carelessly dropped match would start a conflagration. A municipal government alone has power to adopt regulations concerning such. We have more to say on the fire question in another place.

Another point. Provision must be made for the protection of the health of the public. There are always those in a community, who through ignorance or carelessness allow conditions to maintain that are a serious menace to the health of the people and invite disease. Sanitary regulations must be made, and a municipality alone has power to make such. Looking to the future we must think of police protection. In the past we have had little need for an officer in our midst, and it may be long before we do, but we must face the fact that as more people come in and the population

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of our beautiful town increases, the bad will come with the good.

Another thing that vitally affects the welfare of our town is the saloon question. As a municipality it will rest with us to say whether the liquor sellers ruinous business will be allowed to come in to mar our fair town or not.

One more note in passing. A municipality has in its power to maintain parks, playgrounds, libraries and numerous other things, that while not necessarily essential are very nice to have.

Now get in line for incorporation. Don't be selfish and for fear that your property valuation will be increased and necessarily your taxes, stand in the way of the best good of the community. There is not any real live prosperous town in Southern California but what is incorporated.

So once again. Plan to attend the mass meeting on Saturday night and get your pen ready to sign that petition.

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Send the NEWS to your
friends in the East.

Get busy for Incorporation

EDITORIAL

Fire! Fire! Fire!

Unless we get busy in pretty short order, this cry is going to bring terror to our hearts some windy night. We got just a little warning on last Saturday night. A blaze, well started with a north wind to send it merrily on its way would not be a very comfortable thing to cope with. It is time for us to get together and do something for our protection against fire. We say one to another, that there is no danger. Fire has not been a serious menace in the past. But stop! We are not living in the past. Sierra Madre of today is a very different place from Sierra Madre of a year ago. And Sierra Madre a year hence will be a very different place from Sierra Madre of today. We must do something, in the face of new conditions, demanding that we take some measures to protect the town in case of fire. Not long since the editor saw a fine two-story residence in Laramanda Park burn to the ground and no means of checking the flames. Some of these days we will see the same here, and worse, for fire here will not stop with a single house except in the more thinly settled places. The time for us to do is before some big conflagration comes to spur us on to effort. The old saying, "In time of peace prepare for war," is applicable here.

This is a good question for consideration for Saturday night along with our other business.

Special Notice

A newspaper is dependent upon the advertising that it carries. We aim to keep our advertising pages clear of all that is objectionable, and seek only the patronage of reputable houses. We ask our readers to carefully consider our advertising columns, and whenever patronizing an advertiser, to kindly mention the fact that you saw the ad in the News.

What a year this has been for hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes and all sorts of elemental disturbances. Those who are complaining of the little "Norther" that visited us on Saturday night ought to be thankful that they are not on the storm swept coast of Florida or up in Wyoming where the mercury is below zero, and the snow two feet on the level.

Thanksgiving Day only about a month away, and nothing to remind us of it but the yellowing of the oranges.

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such a thoroughfare? Can we afford to make the playground smaller than it is? These are questions that each voter should consider carefully before Saturday night. We must decide 'yes' or 'no' to them then.

The stream of travel from the East is setting in a little earlier than usual this year. Railroad men say that the number of visitors to Southern California this winter will exceed 100,000. Many splendid hotels are being built for their accommodation. They will be scattered all over the country from the foothills to the coast. Sierra Madre will get its quota of them; but it would get more, many more, if it was better prepared for their entertainment. A large part of the prosperity of this Southern country is due to the coming of the tourists every year, and no place can afford to neglect them.

Party Dress

A belated traveler, who was compelled to stay all night in a backwoods cabin, says that soon after the frugal supper of "sody biscuits" and "fried side meat," swimming in grease, had been eaten, a tall gaunt youth of about 18 and an equally sallow and gaunt girl of 17, both barefooted, took their hats from wooden pegs in the wall and prepared to go out, whereupon their mother, taking her pipe from between her yellow teeth said reprovingly:

"Go 'long an' wash your feet, Levi, you an' Looly both! Hain't you 'shamed to go off to an evenin' party without washin' your feet?"

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washpan from a bench by the door, he said, with a grumble:

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JOTTINGS HERE AND THERE

C. W. Jones has contracted to construct a cement drive, curb and gutter for Mrs. Curtis on W. Central Ave.

J. A. Rhoades, Civil Engineer for the S. P. Co. at San Francisco, and Chas. Tuttle, a prominent banker of Boston, paid Captain Osgood a flying visit this week.

Mrs. John A. Osgood entertained a merry party at her home last Saturday afternoon. Three guests from Los Angeles were present, and the following from Sierra Madre; The Misses Blumer, Vannier, and Jones, Mrs. C. L. Ferry, and Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Bentham.

The north wind gave us a visitation last Saturday and Sunday. In some places it made quite a stir. Young trees were snapped off, a few tents blown down, oranges and lemons strewed on the ground, and in one or two instances, panes of glass broken. Other towns were real sufferers from the gale as evidenced by the news in the daily papers. Our near neighbor Pasadena lost a couple church spires, etc.

The Sierra Madre Realty Co. has sold for A. N. Adams a lot 72 x 150 ft. corner Adams street and Laurel Ave. to Capt Chas Kiener for \$1050.

The same Company also reports the sale of a lot 100x186 ft. on Palm Ave between Baldwin and Auburn, Charles Kersting to A. B. Pitcher.

Dont forget the Town Meeting on Saturday night. Come and come ready to set the incorporation ball rolling.

Clark & Houseman contractors have been forced to put another gang of men at work owing to the rush of work which they have on hand. They are just completing a handsome California bungalow for Mr. F. R. Yerxa on the old Blair Ranch at a cost of \$2500. They are also making extensive repairs and alterations to Mrs J. C. Noouan residence on Grand View Avenue.

A local tennis tournament will take place Saturday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. N. C. Carter. The public are invited.

Mrs. Aggie Hull of Pasadena was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Thomson, from Friday until Tuesday.

The incorporation petition must start on its way. See that your name is put on it. Saturday night.

John D. Crawford has sold to J. J. Underhill of Los Angeles, four lots on Central Ave. with frontage of 180 feet, and running through to Esperanza Ave. for \$6000.

Mrs. Laura H. Stevenson, teacher of Piano, will give individual instruction at her studio on Laura Ave., at hours to suit pupils. 15 years in Sierra Madre.

The Boys club of the Congregational Sunday School met at the home of L. L. Clark on last Friday evening. There will be no meeting of the club this week, owing to other meetings of interest on Friday evening.

A. R. Hathaway desires to announce that he will contract for the care of orchards or general agricultural work. Persons desiring competent services in this line may address him at Sierra Madre or call at his residence, Lima and Manzanita Sts.

Incorporate, we must, if Sierra Madre is to continue to grow.

For school shoes that will wear, go to M. Olsen.

Mr. G. Stanley Tolley and Family who have been living on Esperanza Ave. Have moved to Pasadena.

Send in your items to the News office. We want to know all the little happenings among our towns folk. Who has been visiting you? Have you been away visiting friends? Has anything of interest happend during the week that you know of? Let us know. Our telephone number is Sunset Main 9628.

Mrs. R. E. Ross, a former resident here, and donor of our Library building, accompanied by her cousin Prof. Ross of Berkeley was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Steinberger yesterday.

The incorporation petition must start on its way. See that your name is put on it, on Saturday night.

A Healthy Country

Senator Tillman is fond of telling the following story as illustrative of the salubrity of the State of North Carolina:

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"That Wasn't Me"

This story is told at the expense of a recently appointed supervisor of a public school in Philadelphia. One day she happened to be visiting a school where a young incorrigible was undergoing punishment for a series of misdemeanors.

The teacher cited him as "the worst boy in the school—one I can't do any thing with. I've tried every thing in the way of punishment."

"Have you tried kindness?" was the gentle inquiry of the other lady.

"I did at first, but I've got beyond that now."

At the close of the session, the lady asked the boy if he would call and see her on the following Saturday. A boy arrived promptly at the hour appointed. The lady showed him her best pictures, played her liveliest music, and set him before a lucheon on her daintiest china, when she thought it about time to begin her little sermon.

"My dear," she began, were you not very unhappy to have to stand in the corner before all the class for punishment?"

"Please, ma'am, broke in the boy, with his mouth full of cake, "that wasn't me you saw. It was Pete, and he gave me ten cents to come here and take your jawin'."

Spanked the Wrong Boy

A Detroit man was traveling with his son, and, wishing to transact some business with the conductor, he said: "Now, Willie, I'm going to be away just a few minutes. You sit right here, and don't move a bit. If you do, I'll spank you good and hard. So don't stick your head out of the window. You might have it taken off if you do; then you woldn't have any head, and you'd get a spanking besides."

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The father went away to find the conductor. After a few minutes he came back.

There was little Willie, just his feet and the seat of his trousers sticking in through the window. He appeared to be more outside than inside, and whenever a telegraph pole whizzed by and looked especially close he would make a lunge for it as if trying to catch it.

The father did not hesitate. He made a grab for the boy just as the later made a lung for a pole. He pulled him in by the heels, laid him over his knees, and began to fulfill his promise. The little fellow yelled and yelled until he almost drowned out the noise of the train, but during a lull in the uproar the father heard a snicker behind him. He laid the boy down and turned to see what it meant.

There, two seats behind and across the aisle, was his son, with two fingers stuffed in his mouth to keep his merriment in. The man rubbed his eyes, and looked again, but there was no mistake.

He looked at the boy in his lap. Behind the tears was a face he had never seen before. He had spanked some other man's son.

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